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Title: Discussion on the motion for consideration of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2012.

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (KUMARI SELJA): Sir, I beg to move*:

> "That the Bill further to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 and the Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978, be taken into consideration."

...(*Interruptions*)

Sir, the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2012, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 21.05.2012. The same was referred to the Departmentally-related Standing Committee for examination and report. The Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment in its report presented to Lok Sabha on 24.08.2012 has approved the amendments in the Bill in its entirety.

The Scheduled Castes are notified under the provisions of Article 341 of the Constitution of India. The first list in relation to a State/Union Territory is by a notified Order of the President. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister is speaking; please go back to your seats.

KUMARI SELJA: Any subsequent amendment in the said list can be made only by an Act of Parliament. In June, 1999, Government approved modalities for deciding claims for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modifications in the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Only such proposals of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations which have been agreed to by the Registrar General of India (RGI) and National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) are processed further and introduced as a Bill for consideration and passing by the Parliament. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats.

KUMARI SELJA: In accordance with the provisions of Article 341 of the Constitution, six Orders were issued by the President, between 1950 and 1978 for specifying Scheduled Castes in respect of various States and Union Territories. These Orders have been amended from time to time by Acts of Parliament enacted between 1956 and 2007 under clause (2) of Article 341 of the Constitution.

The lists of Scheduled Castes were last revised in the year 2007. Thereafter, proposals have been received from the State Governments of Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tripura and Sikkim for certain modifications in the lists of Scheduled Castes of these States. These proposals were processed as per approved modalities. The Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes have conveyed their concurrence to the proposed changes. The Bill involves twelve amendments, out of which ten relate to inclusion of certain communities as synonyms of existing Scheduled Castes, one proposal relates to omission of an existing entry from the list of Scheduled Castes and one proposal relates to changing the name of the State of Orissa to Odisha.

I would request the Members to support the Bill. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Motion moved:

> "That the Bill further to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 and the Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978, be taken into consideration."

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats. It is a very important Bill. The House has to discuss it. Please go back to your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats. The whole country is watching us.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦**

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 6th of August, 2013 at 11.00 a.m.

15.05 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Tuesday, August 6, 2013/Sravana 15, 1935 (Saka).

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* The 171st Report was presented to the Chairman, Rajya Sabha on 30th May, 2013 and forwarded to the Speaker, Lok Sabha the same day.

* Not recorded.

* Moved with the recommendation of the President.

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